



## **Texas Department of Insurance**

### **Division of Workers' Compensation**

Medical Fee Dispute Resolution, MS-48

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## **MEDICAL FEE DISPUTE RESOLUTION FINDINGS AND DECISION**

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

#### **Requestor Name and Address**

TEXAS HEALTH PLANO  
3255 W PIONEER PKWY  
ARLINGTON TX 76013

#### **Respondent Name**

TASB Risk Mgmt Fund

#### **Carrier's Austin Representative Box**

Box Number 47

#### **MFDR Tracking Number**

M4-13-3369-01

#### **MFDR Date Received**

August 21, 2013

### **REQUESTOR'S POSITION SUMMARY**

**Requestor's Position Summary:** "Per the new fee schedule this account qualifies for an Outlier payment..."

**Amount in Dispute:** \$151.20

### **RESPONDENT'S POSITION SUMMARY**

**Respondent's Position Summary:** Written acknowledgement of medical fee dispute received however, no response submitted.

### **SUMMARY OF FINDINGS**

Date(s) of Service	Disputed Services	Amount In Dispute	Amount Due
December 5-6, 2012	Outpatient Hospital Services	\$151.20	\$0.00

### **FINDINGS AND DECISION**

This medical fee dispute is decided pursuant to Texas Labor Code §413.031 and all applicable, adopted rules of the Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation.

#### **Background**

1. 28 Texas Administrative Code §133.307 sets out the procedures for resolving medical fee disputes.
2. 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.403, titled *Hospital Facility Fee Guideline – Outpatient*, sets out the reimbursement guidelines for facility services provided in an outpatient acute care hospital.
3. 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.203, titled *Medical Fee Guideline for Professional Services*, sets out the reimbursement guidelines for professional medical services.
4. The services in dispute were reduced/denied by the respondent with the following reason codes:
  - W1 – Workers Compensation State Fee Schedule Adjustment
  - 97 – Payment is included in the allowance for another service/procedure
  - 193 – Original payment decision is being maintained.

#### **Issues**

1. What is the applicable rule for determining reimbursement for the disputed services?

2. What is the recommended payment amount for the services in dispute?
3. Is the requestor entitled to reimbursement?

## **Findings**

1. This dispute relates to facility services performed in an outpatient hospital setting with reimbursement subject to the provisions of 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.403, which requires that the reimbursement calculation used for establishing the maximum allowable reimbursement (MAR) shall be the Medicare facility specific amount, including outlier payment amounts, determined by applying the most recently adopted and effective Medicare Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) reimbursement formula and factors as published annually in the Federal Register with the application of minimal modifications as set forth in the rule. Per §134.403(f)(1), the sum of the Medicare facility specific reimbursement amount and any applicable outlier payment amount shall be multiplied by 200 percent, unless a facility or surgical implant provider requests separate reimbursement of implantables. Review of the submitted documentation finds that separate reimbursement for implantables is not applicable.
2. Under the Medicare Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS), each billed service is assigned an Ambulatory Payment Classification (APC) based on the procedure code used, the supporting documentation and the other services that appear on the bill. A payment rate is established for each APC. Depending on the services provided, hospitals may be paid for more than one APC per encounter. Payment for ancillary and supportive items and services, including services that are billed without procedure codes, is packaged into payment for the primary service. A full list of APCs is published quarterly in the OPPS final rules which are publicly available through the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) website. Reimbursement for the disputed services is calculated as follows:
  - Procedure code J7030 has a status indicator of N, which denotes packaged items and services with no separate APC payment; payment is packaged into the reimbursement for other services, including outliers.
  - Procedure code J7030, date of service December 6, 2012, has a status indicator of N, which denotes packaged items and services with no separate APC payment; payment is packaged into the reimbursement for other services, including outliers.
  - Procedure code G0434 has a status indicator of A, which denotes services paid under a fee schedule or payment system other than OPPS. Per 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.403(h), for outpatient services for which Medicare reimburses using fee schedules other than OPPS, reimbursement is made using the applicable Division fee guideline in effect for that service on the date the service was provided. Facility payment for the technical component of this service is calculated according to the Medical Fee Guideline for Professional Services, §134.203(e)(1). The fee listed for this code in the Medicare Clinical Fee Schedule is \$15.74. 125% of this amount is \$19.68
  - Procedure code 80053 has a status indicator of A, which denotes services paid under a fee schedule or payment system other than OPPS. Per 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.403(h), for outpatient services for which Medicare reimburses using fee schedules other than OPPS, reimbursement is made using the applicable Division fee guideline in effect for that service on the date the service was provided. Facility payment for the technical component of this service is calculated according to the Medical Fee Guideline for Professional Services, §134.203(e)(1). The fee listed for this code in the Medicare Clinical Fee Schedule is \$14.97. 125% of this amount is \$18.71
  - Procedure code 82055 has a status indicator of A, which denotes services paid under a fee schedule or payment system other than OPPS. Per 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.403(h), for outpatient services for which Medicare reimburses using fee schedules other than OPPS, reimbursement is made using the applicable Division fee guideline in effect for that service on the date the service was provided. Facility payment for the technical component of this service is calculated according to the Medical Fee Guideline for Professional Services, §134.203(e)(1). The fee listed for this code in the Medicare Clinical Fee Schedule is \$15.30. 125% of this amount is \$19.13
  - Procedure code 83735 has a status indicator of A, which denotes services paid under a fee schedule or payment system other than OPPS. Per 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.403(h), for outpatient services for which Medicare reimburses using fee schedules other than OPPS, reimbursement is made using the applicable Division fee guideline in effect for that service on the date the service was provided. Facility payment for the technical component of this service is calculated according to the Medical Fee Guideline for Professional Services, §134.203(e)(1). The fee listed for this code in the Medicare Clinical Fee Schedule is \$9.49. 125% of this amount is \$11.86
  - Procedure code 84443 has a status indicator of A, which denotes services paid under a fee schedule or payment system other than OPPS. Per 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.403(h), for outpatient services for which Medicare reimburses using fee schedules other than OPPS, reimbursement is made using the applicable Division fee guideline in effect for that service on the date the service was provided. Facility

payment for the technical component of this service is calculated according to the Medical Fee Guideline for Professional Services, §134.203(e)(1). The fee listed for this code in the Medicare Clinical Fee Schedule is \$23.80. 125% of this amount is \$29.75

- Procedure code 84703 has a status indicator of A, which denotes services paid under a fee schedule or payment system other than OPPS. Per 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.403(h), for outpatient services for which Medicare reimburses using fee schedules other than OPPS, reimbursement is made using the applicable Division fee guideline in effect for that service on the date the service was provided. Facility payment for the technical component of this service is calculated according to the Medical Fee Guideline for Professional Services, §134.203(e)(1). The fee listed for this code in the Medicare Clinical Fee Schedule is \$10.64. 125% of this amount is \$13.30
- Procedure code 85025 has a status indicator of A, which denotes services paid under a fee schedule or payment system other than OPPS. Per 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.403(h), for outpatient services for which Medicare reimburses using fee schedules other than OPPS, reimbursement is made using the applicable Division fee guideline in effect for that service on the date the service was provided. Facility payment for the technical component of this service is calculated according to the Medical Fee Guideline for Professional Services, §134.203(e)(1). The fee listed for this code in the Medicare Clinical Fee Schedule is \$11.02. 125% of this amount is \$13.78
- Procedure code 85610 has a status indicator of A, which denotes services paid under a fee schedule or payment system other than OPPS. Per 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.403(h), for outpatient services for which Medicare reimburses using fee schedules other than OPPS, reimbursement is made using the applicable Division fee guideline in effect for that service on the date the service was provided. Facility payment for the technical component of this service is calculated according to the Medical Fee Guideline for Professional Services, §134.203(e)(1). The fee listed for this code in the Medicare Clinical Fee Schedule is \$5.56. 125% of this amount is \$6.95
- Procedure code 85730 has a status indicator of A, which denotes services paid under a fee schedule or payment system other than OPPS. Per 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.403(h), for outpatient services for which Medicare reimburses using fee schedules other than OPPS, reimbursement is made using the applicable Division fee guideline in effect for that service on the date the service was provided. Facility payment for the technical component of this service is calculated according to the Medical Fee Guideline for Professional Services, §134.203(e)(1). The fee listed for this code in the Medicare Clinical Fee Schedule is \$8.50. 125% of this amount is \$10.63
- Procedure code 81001 has a status indicator of A, which denotes services paid under a fee schedule or payment system other than OPPS. Per 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.403(h), for outpatient services for which Medicare reimburses using fee schedules other than OPPS, reimbursement is made using the applicable Division fee guideline in effect for that service on the date the service was provided. Facility payment for the technical component of this service is calculated according to the Medical Fee Guideline for Professional Services, §134.203(e)(1). The fee listed for this code in the Medicare Clinical Fee Schedule is \$4.48. 125% of this amount is \$5.60
- Procedure code 71010 has a status indicator of Q3, which denotes conditionally packaged codes that may be paid through a composite APC. If OPPS criteria are met, this service is assigned to composite APC ; however, review of the submitted information finds that the criteria for composite payment have not been met. Therefore, this line may be paid separately. This line is assigned status indicator X, which denotes ancillary services paid under OPPS with separate APC payment. These services are classified under APC 0260, which, per OPPS Addendum A, has a payment rate of \$44.84. This amount multiplied by 60% yields an unadjusted labor-related amount of \$26.90. This amount multiplied by the annual wage index for this facility of 0.9675 yields an adjusted labor-related amount of \$26.03. The non-labor related portion is 40% of the APC rate or \$17.94. The sum of the labor and non-labor related amounts is \$43.97. The cost of these services does not exceed the annual fixed-dollar threshold of \$2,025. The outlier payment amount is \$0. The total Medicare facility specific reimbursement amount for this line is \$43.97. This amount multiplied by 200% yields a MAR of \$87.94.
- Procedure code 70450 has a status indicator of Q3, which denotes conditionally packaged codes that may be paid through a composite APC. If OPPS criteria are met, this service is assigned to composite APC ; however, review of the submitted information finds that the criteria for composite payment have not been met. Therefore, this line may be paid separately. This line is assigned status indicator S, which denotes a significant procedure, not subject to multiple-procedure discounting, paid under OPPS with separate APC payment. These services are classified under APC 0332, which, per OPPS Addendum A, has a payment rate of \$192.06. This amount multiplied by 60% yields an unadjusted labor-related amount of \$115.24. This amount multiplied by the annual wage index for this facility of 0.9675 yields an adjusted labor-related amount of \$111.49. The non-labor related portion is 40% of the APC rate or \$76.82. The sum of the labor and non-labor related amounts is \$188.31. The cost of these services does not exceed the annual fixed-dollar threshold of \$2,025. The outlier payment amount is \$0. The total Medicare facility specific reimbursement

amount for this line is \$188.31. This amount multiplied by 200% yields a MAR of \$376.62.

- Procedure code 99285 has a status indicator of Q3, which denotes conditionally packaged codes that may be paid through a composite APC. If OPPS criteria are met, this service is assigned to composite APC ; however, review of the submitted information finds that the criteria for composite payment have not been met. Therefore, this line may be paid separately. This line is assigned status indicator V, which denotes a clinic or emergency department visit paid under OPPS with separate APC payment. These services are classified under APC 0616, which, per OPPS Addendum A, has a payment rate of \$323.58. This amount multiplied by 60% yields an unadjusted labor-related amount of \$194.15. This amount multiplied by the annual wage index for this facility of 0.9675 yields an adjusted labor-related amount of \$187.84. The non-labor related portion is 40% of the APC rate or \$129.43. The sum of the labor and non-labor related amounts is \$317.27. The cost of these services does not exceed the annual fixed-dollar threshold of \$2,025. The outlier payment amount is \$0. The total Medicare facility specific reimbursement amount for this line is \$317.27. This amount multiplied by 200% yields a MAR of \$634.54.
- Procedure code 93306, date of service December 6, 2012, has a status indicator of S, which denotes a significant procedure, not subject to multiple-procedure discounting, paid under OPPS with separate APC payment. These services are classified under APC 0269, which, per OPPS Addendum A, has a payment rate of \$393.12. This amount multiplied by 60% yields an unadjusted labor-related amount of \$235.87. This amount multiplied by the annual wage index for this facility of 0.9675 yields an adjusted labor-related amount of \$228.20. The non-labor related portion is 40% of the APC rate or \$157.25. The sum of the labor and non-labor related amounts is \$385.45. The cost of these services does not exceed the annual fixed-dollar threshold of \$2,025. The outlier payment amount is \$0. The total Medicare facility specific reimbursement amount for this line is \$385.45. This amount multiplied by 200% yields a MAR of \$770.90.
- Procedure code 70551 has a status indicator of Q3, which denotes conditionally packaged codes that may be paid through a composite APC. If OPPS criteria are met, this service is assigned to composite APC ; however, review of the submitted information finds that the criteria for composite payment have not been met. Therefore, this line may be paid separately. This line is assigned status indicator S, which denotes a significant procedure, not subject to multiple-procedure discounting, paid under OPPS with separate APC payment. These services are classified under APC 0336, which, per OPPS Addendum A, has a payment rate of \$338.70. This amount multiplied by 60% yields an unadjusted labor-related amount of \$203.22. This amount multiplied by the annual wage index for this facility of 0.9675 yields an adjusted labor-related amount of \$196.62. The non-labor related portion is 40% of the APC rate or \$135.48. The sum of the labor and non-labor related amounts is \$332.10. The cost of these services does not exceed the annual fixed-dollar threshold of \$2,025. The outlier payment amount is \$0. The total Medicare facility specific reimbursement amount for this line is \$332.10. This amount multiplied by 200% yields a MAR of \$664.20.
- Procedure code 93005 has a status indicator of S, which denotes a significant procedure, not subject to multiple-procedure discounting, paid under OPPS with separate APC payment. These services are classified under APC 0099, which, per OPPS Addendum A, has a payment rate of \$26.77. This amount multiplied by 60% yields an unadjusted labor-related amount of \$16.06. This amount multiplied by the annual wage index for this facility of 0.9675 yields an adjusted labor-related amount of \$15.54. The non-labor related portion is 40% of the APC rate or \$10.71. The sum of the labor and non-labor related amounts is \$26.25. The cost of these services does not exceed the annual fixed-dollar threshold of \$2,025. The outlier payment amount is \$0. The total Medicare facility specific reimbursement amount for this line is \$26.25. This amount multiplied by 200% yields a MAR of \$52.50.
- Procedure code 95816, date of service December 6, 2012, has a status indicator of S, which denotes a significant procedure, not subject to multiple-procedure discounting, paid under OPPS with separate APC payment. These services are classified under APC 0213, which, per OPPS Addendum A, has a payment rate of \$170.22. This amount multiplied by 60% yields an unadjusted labor-related amount of \$102.13. This amount multiplied by the annual wage index for this facility of 0.9675 yields an adjusted labor-related amount of \$98.81. The non-labor related portion is 40% of the APC rate or \$68.09. The sum of the labor and non-labor related amounts is \$166.90. The cost of these services does not exceed the annual fixed-dollar threshold of \$2,025. The outlier payment amount is \$0. The total Medicare facility specific reimbursement amount for this line is \$166.90. This amount multiplied by 200% yields a MAR of \$333.80.
- Procedure code G0378 has a status indicator of N, which denotes packaged items and services with no separate APC payment; payment is packaged into the reimbursement for other services, including outliers.
- Procedure code 93880 has a status indicator of S, which denotes a significant procedure, not subject to multiple-procedure discounting, paid under OPPS with separate APC payment. These services are classified under APC 0267, which, per OPPS Addendum A, has a payment rate of \$152.26. This amount multiplied by 60% yields an unadjusted labor-related amount of \$91.36. This amount multiplied by the annual wage index for this facility of 0.9675 yields an adjusted labor-related amount of \$88.39. The non-labor related portion is 40% of the APC rate or \$60.90. The sum of the labor and non-labor related amounts is \$149.29. The cost of these services does not exceed the annual fixed-dollar threshold of \$2,025. The

outlier payment amount is \$0. The total Medicare facility specific reimbursement amount for this line is \$149.29. This amount multiplied by 200% yields a MAR of \$298.58.

3. The total allowable reimbursement for the services in dispute is \$3,368.47. This amount less the amount previously paid by the insurance carrier of \$3,499.73 leaves an amount due to the requestor of \$0.00. No additional reimbursement can be recommended.

### **Conclusion**

For the reasons stated above, the Division finds that the requestor has not established that additional reimbursement is due. As a result, the amount ordered is \$0.00.

### ***ORDER***

Based upon the documentation submitted by the parties and in accordance with the provisions of Texas Labor Code §413.031, the Division has determined that the requestor is entitled to \$0.00 reimbursement for the disputed services.

### **Authorized Signature**

_____	_____	November , 2013
Signature	Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Officer	Date

### ***YOUR RIGHT TO APPEAL***

Either party to this medical fee dispute has a right to seek review of this decision in accordance with 28 Texas Administrative Code §133.307, effective May 31, 2012, 37 *Texas Register* 3833, **applicable to disputes filed on or after June 1, 2012.**

A party seeking review must submit a **Request to Schedule a Benefit Review Conference to Appeal a Medical Fee Dispute Decision** (form **DWC045M**) in accordance with the instructions on the form. The request must be received by the Division within **twenty** days of your receipt of this decision. The request may be faxed, mailed or personally delivered to the Division using the contact information listed on the form or to the field office handling the claim.

The party seeking review of the MDR decision shall deliver a copy of the request to all other parties involved in the dispute at the same time the request is filed with the Division. **Please include a copy of the *Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Findings and Decision*** together with any other required information specified in 28 Texas Administrative Code §141.1(d).

**Si prefiere hablar con una persona en español acerca de ésta correspondencia, favor de llamar a 512-804-4812.**